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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION OF EMERGENCY MEASURES

1. Notifying Member: <u>COLOMBIA</u> If applicable, name of local government involved:
2. Agency responsible: <i>Instituto Colombiano Agropecuario</i> (Colombian Agricultural Institute)
3. Products covered (provide tariff item number(s) as specified in national schedules deposited with the WTO; ICS numbers should be provided in addition, where applicable): Plantains and bananas
4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All trading partners <input type="checkbox"/> Specific regions or countries:
5. Title of the notified document: <i>Resolución N°11912 del 9 de agosto de 2019 "Por medio de la cual se declara el estado de emergencia fitosanitaria en el territorio nacional por la presencia de la enfermedad conocida como Marchitez de las musáceas por Foc R4T"</i> (Resolution No. 11912 of 9 August 2019 declaring a phytosanitary emergency in national territory due to the presence of the disease known as banana wilt caused by Foc TR4) Language(s): Spanish Number of pages: 22 Text available at: https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2019/SPS/COL/19_4563_00_s.pdf
6. Description of content: The notified Resolution declares a phytosanitary emergency in national territory due to the presence of the disease known as banana wilt caused by Foc TR4 for a period of one year as from the entry into force of this Resolution.
7. Objective and rationale: <input type="checkbox"/> food safety, <input type="checkbox"/> animal health, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> plant protection, <input type="checkbox"/> protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, <input type="checkbox"/> protect territory from other damage from pests.
8. Nature of the urgent problem(s) and reasons for urgent action: The disease known as banana wilt (Foc TR4) is capable of destroying 80% of banana and plantain varieties and can contaminate plantations for over 30 years. Currently, Tropical race 4 (TR4) poses a risk for the production of bananas and plantains worldwide, and since its emergence, it has spread to banana- and plantain-producing countries in Asia, Oceania and Africa. In Colombia, the symptoms displayed by bananas from the Cavendish subgroup as a result of the TR4 attack have raised suspicions, and have led to the issuance of an early warning in the country, due to the risk posed by the presence of this disease in Colombia and on the American continent. Through a phytosanitary surveillance exercise carried out in banana production systems, the presence of the fungus <i>Fusarium oxysporum f. sp. cubense</i> Tropical race 4 (recently classified as <i>Fusarium odoratissimum</i> (Maryani et al., 2019)) was detected in the department of Guajira. It is therefore necessary to take measures to prevent the spread of the disease to other areas of the country, particularly banana- and plantain-producing

regions, and to declare a national phytosanitary emergency and establish phytosanitary measures for the detection, control and management of the disease.	
9.	<p>Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text):</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number):</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM No.):</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None</p> <p>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:</p>
10.	Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:
11.	<p>Date of entry into force (dd/mm/yy)/period of application (as applicable): Date of publication.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Trade facilitating measure</p>
12.	<p>Agency or authority designated to handle comments: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and email address (if available) of other body:</p> <p><i>Ministerio de Comercio, Industria y Turismo (Ministry of Trade, Industry and Tourism)</i> <i>Dirección de Regulación (Regulation Department)</i> Calle 28 N° 13A - 15, tercer piso Bogotá, D.C. Colombia Tel.: (+571) 606 7676, Ext. 1690 - 1340 Email: ngarcia@mincit.gov.co mgonzalezs@mincit.gov.co</p> <p>Website: http://www.mincit.gov.co</p> <p><i>Instituto Colombiano Agropecuario, ICA (Colombian Agricultural Institute)</i> <i>Subgerencia de Regulación Sanitaria y Fitosanitaria (Sanitary and Phytosanitary Regulation Division)</i> <i>Dirección Técnica de Asuntos Internacionales (Technical Division for International Affairs)</i> Avenida Calle 26 N° 85B-09 Bogotá - Colombia Tel.: (+571) 332 3700 - 288 48 00 Ext. 1510 - 1515 Email: asuntos.internacionales@ica.gov.co margarita.lubo@ica.gov.co</p> <p>Website: http://www.ica.gov.co</p>
13.	<p>Text(s) available from: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and email address (if available) of other body:</p> <p>Ministerio de Comercio, Industria y Turismo Dirección de Regulación Calle 28 N° 13A - 15, tercer piso Bogotá, D.C. Colombia Tel.: (+571) 606 7676, Ext. 1690 - 1340 Email: ngarcia@mincit.gov.co mgonzalezs@mincit.gov.co Website: http://www.mincit.gov.co</p>